

FEDERAL ENERGY REGULATORY COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20426

OFFICE OF ENERGY PROJECTS

In Reply Refer To:
OEP/DG2E/Gas 3
Tennessee Gas Pipeline
Company, LLC
Northeast Energy Direct Project
Docket No. PF14-22-000

October 2, 2014
J. Curtis Moffat
Deputy General Counsel and Vice President
Tennessee Gas Pipeline Company, LLC
1001 Louisiana Street, Suite 1000
Houston, Texas 77002

Re: Approval of Pre-Filing Request

Dear Mr. Moffat:

Thank you for your letter, filed September 15, 2014, requesting use of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission's (FERC or Commission) pre-filing review process for Tennessee Gas Pipeline Company, LLC's (Tennessee) planned Northeast Energy Direct Project (NED Project). We believe that beginning the Commission's review of this proposal prior to the receipt of your application will greatly improve our ability to identify issues early and address them in our environmental document.

As stated in your letter, Tennessee plans to construct about 135 miles of 30-inch-diameter pipeline from Troy, Pennsylvania to Wright, New York; 177 miles of 36-inch-diameter pipeline from Wright, New York to Dracut, Massachusetts; and two pipeline looping segments in Pennsylvania along Tennessee's existing 300 Line, totaling about 32 miles of 36-inch-diameter pipeline. The NED Project would also involve construction of several pipeline laterals and loops in Massachusetts, Connecticut, and New Hampshire; and new compressor stations in Susquehanna County, Pennsylvania; Delaware and Columbia Counties, New York; and Franklin and Middlesex Counties, Massachusetts. The NED Project would provide up to 2.2 billion cubic feet per day of additional natural gas transportation capacity to markets in New England.

Your letter also stated that Tennessee intends to file an application no later than September 2015. When Tennessee files its application with the Commission, we will evaluate the progress made during the pre-filing process, based in part on our success in resolving the issues raised during scoping. Once we determine that your application is ready for processing, we will establish a schedule for completion of the environmental document and for the issuance of all other federal authorizations.

My staff has reviewed the proposals submitted for the selection of a third-party contractor to assist us in preparing the National Environmental Policy Act documentation. We have selected Edge Engineering & Science (Edge) as the third-party contractor to work under the direct supervision and control of the Commission staff. I request that you proceed with executing a contract with Edge so work may begin as soon as possible.

If you have any questions, please contact the Office of Energy Projects' Environmental Project Manager for your project, Eric J. Tomasi at (202) 502-8097.

Sincerely,

Jeff C. Wright
Director
Office of Energy Projects

cc: Public File, Docket No. PF14-22-000